

In The Abstract

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A ~~collapsible~~ ballot box for collecting ballots from an electronic ballot tabulating machine includes a base assembly, and front and rear support assemblies pivotally attached to the front and rear ends of the base assembly. ~~The~~ the three assemblies are foldable into compact and generally parallel-spaced portions for transport and storage. ~~In~~ In its storage state, the ~~ballot~~ box is easily transformed from the storage state to an upright voting state wherein the ballot tabulating machine is positioned at a convenient height for the voter by unfolding the assemblies. ~~In~~ In its set-up or voting state, the ~~ballot~~ box receives ballots from the tabulating machine and stores them in one or more secure ballot compartments. ~~An auxiliary ballot compartment can be provided in the front support assembly for receiving unmarked ballots.~~